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GUYANA: Allegation of Sexual Compromise

(For into-the-briefing volunteering, preferably during discussion of Guyana)

A With respect to an allegation that an Embassy official had been sexually compromised by a member of the Peoples Temple in Guyana, it was stated from this podium on December 1 that the officer in question had executed a sworn statement of denial and the Department was continuing its investigation of the allegation. For the record, the Department's Office of Security yesterday completed its investigation, which included interviews with people conversant with the officer's activities in Guyana. The Office of Security has found that the allegation was totally groundless.

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